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MEDIA ADVISORY

NATIONAL FIREFIGHTER SAFETY STAND DOWN

WHEN: 8:00 am June 21, 2006

WHERE: All Milwaukee Fire Department Engine Houses

DETAILS: In cooperation with the International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) and the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF), the Milwaukee Fire Department will be participating in the National Firefighter Safety Stand Down. This program will start on June 21, 2006, at 8:00 am. During the program, all non-emergency activities will be suspended and special emphasis will be placed on firefighter health and safety.

In 2005, there were 106 firefighters killed in the line of duty, a number that all involved would like to reduce to zero. The day 's activities will start with a moment of silence for the fallen firefighters and then information will be given on causes of firefighter injuries and fatalities. Extra time will be taken for checking all the firefighting equipment to insure it is properly working. Each shift will be asked to prepare healthy meals and encourage physical exercise during the shift.

Since the Milwaukee Fire Department was organized on January 1, 1875, there have been 106 members who lost their lives in the performance of their duties. Our hope is to never add any other names to our Fallen Firefighter Memorial.

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